

TOWN OF AMENIA
Town Board Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2012
Amenia Town Hall

Councilwoman Doyle motioned, seconded by C/ Hoss

Motion to open the Meeting of the Town Board

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Motion carries	

Salute to the flag was conducted;

A moment of silence for the military serving in this county and around the world.

Emergency exits behind the Town Clerk and at the rear of the room behind the audience at the door entered.

Public Comments

Pat Nelligan commented on the letter sent out to regarding the wastewater proposal. He mentioned that Ed Mills at the July 19th town board meeting informs the board that they need the public's support the project and yet the Town Board had a resolution prepared to accept the project at the meeting in July. He reiterates that the tax payers cannot afford an increase in their taxes and many are living on fixed incomes. Mr. Nelligan also commented on the fact that he completed a FOIL request for the initial feasible study and his request was not satisfied.

Cheryl Morse commented that draft documents are available via a FOIL request. She submitted a list of written questions regarding the privatization of municipal service of the transfer station dated September 13 and requests a written response.

Sharon Kroeger commented that the County has a solid waste employee who is working on the possibilities of a county wide plan; Amenia is not the only municipality who is faced with this issue.

James Fraleigh confirmed with the Board that they have received the petition that he submitted with 180 signatures. He notes that more can be done but over the years he has taken it upon himself to collect papers and has them recycled, he reached out to a local publishing company and he collects their recyclable paper too; these are extra revenues that were not received prior to his extra efforts. He has reached out to a recycling company over the river that will be willing to pick up co-mingles; and the amount of metal revenues have increase between 2-3thousand dollars over the past year. He expressed a concern for the senior citizens who are on fixed incomes and may not be able to afford any chance of an increase.

Mora Kelly commented that the transfer station is a social meet and greet place in town.

Pat Nelligan asked if the movement of the transfer station is an effort to eliminate the solid waste management also at the site.

Dorris Higgins asked why they need to move from the current transfer site, all the refuse and items are put in garbage cans.

Debra Thomas asked if there were financials available for review.

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Highway Report- Stan Whitehead, Highway Superintendant
No Report

Town Clerk Report- Patty Barron
No Report

Supervisor Flood read aloud the legal notice: Bid of Operation of the Transfer Station; and read aloud the one bid received by Welsh Sanitation including the list of fees.

Supervisor Flood comments that they are not looking to close the transfer station they are looking to privatize the process to save the town money. Conversations between the Board members and members of the audience (inaudible); C/Perotti asks why the town needs to registered with DEC. Attorney MacDonald informs the board that there is no cost to the town to hold the registration; if the town had chosen to advertise and taken the route to Request for Proposal it would have been a more complex process.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/ Riemer
Motion to accept the bid from Welsh

C/Hoss reminds the board that they are in a negotiation phase and asks what happens in two years. C/Doyle suggests that they wait the week, speak with GrowMax, speak with Millerton and found out more about shared service options, call other towns and find out their experience. C/Hoss suggests that they create a spread sheet with all the costs showing the comparisons and respond to some of the questions that were heard this evening.

Councilwoman Perotti motioned, seconded by C/ Doyle
Motion to defer the decision of the transfer station

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	No
Motion carries	

Councilwoman Perotti motioned, seconded by C/ Hoss
Motion to accept Resolution #59 of 2012 – Closing of Mygatt Road for the Annual Juvenile Diabetes Walk

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
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M. Kelsey, County Legislature

Last month Mr. Kelsey discussed the three possibilities the 2013 budget impacts- (a tax increase, borrowing and or layoffs) but he did not foresee the fourth possibility being the County Executive sending a letter that the County would reducing the sales tax revenues which will effect Amenia by \$36,000. Although the County will be taking back the costs of the elections from the towns that will still leave towns less their portion of sales tax. County Legislatures are looking to set up a task force to review the current formulas and divisions of the County sales tax. C/Perotti asked about the unfunded mandates, does the committee that was formed still exists. Kelsey acknowledges the state mandates and the costs that associated because of the mandates. Budgets are tight and government is shrinking.

Grant Report, Mike Hagerty

Hagerty reported on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that there is a new grant application and he will be attending the upcoming meeting. He explained and in order to be eligible the project needs to be in group block 2 or 3; the Railtrail Project is consistent with the criteria of the grant.

Supervisor asked if there are any more comments on the CDBG- no public comments.

C/Hoss asked if the agenda does not list the continuation of the public hearing will it cause a flaw in the process. Attorney notes that it will be in the minutes.

S/ Flood motioned, seconded by C/ Riemer

Motion to close the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye
Motion carries	

Resolution for the CDBG will follow at next meeting. The Main Street Grant is available on the town website.

Resolution

S/Flood read aloud

Motion to accept Resolution #60 of 2012- Change Order #1 – Old Amenia Landfill

Councilman Hoss	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Supervisor Flood	Aye

Supervisor's Report

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S/ Flood meet with Robert Boyles from Wassaic Fire Company; S/Flood read aloud a letter from the Wassaic Fire Company addressing the Company's inability to provide adequate staffing for the ambulance.

Budget meeting September 18th at 5:00pm starting with the highway department; discussion on advertising the meeting; C/ Doyle will circulate the meeting notice to the news papers and S/Flood will post on the door.

Town Board Comments

C/Riemer announced the upcoming events at the Smithfield Church;

C/Perotti announced the upcoming Amenia Fire Company's Pancake Breakfast and the events at Community Day at Indian School Rock House

C/Hoss asked about scheduling additional budget meeting dates;

C/Doyle announced the Dance Program; upcoming enhancement meeting - September 19th at 5:30pm; inquired as to where the board is at regarding Mechanic Street and asked that we address the no parking asap.

S/Flood announced that Lana Anguin will be retiring November 15th. This will create an open position in the town; Lana will be missed.

C/Hoss would like to purchase a digital recorder for the clerk; He also submitted three plans to be considered with the Mid-Hudson Sustainability Plan- three plans for the Town of Amenia and one for Millerton. The plans for Amenia are for the potential redevelopment of the TDDSO site, wastewater and the continuation of the railtrail project; and for Millerton the continuation of the railtrail extension north

C/Riemer welcomes all to attend the wastewater meeting on September 24th, this is not limited to those in the district.

No Public Comment

Supervisor Flood motioned, seconded by C/ Doyle

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Councilman Hoss Aye

Councilwoman Doyle Aye

Councilwoman Perotti Aye

Councilwoman Riemer Aye

Supervisor Flood Aye

Motion carries

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn Marie Klingner

By order of the Town Board

The foregoing represents unapproved minutes of the Town of Amenia Town Board from a meeting held on September 13, 2012 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

_____Approved as read on

_____Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions